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SUBJ: VISIT TO U.S. OF MINISTER OF MINING KULPINSKI

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- 1. EMBASSY OFFICERS ON MARCH 4 DELIVERED SECRETARY ANDRUS'S INVITATION (REF A) TO MINISTER KULPINSKI. THE MINISTER SAID HE WAS VERY MUCH LOOKING FORWARD TO THE OPPORTUNITY TO VISIT THE U.S. AND WISHED TO THANK SECRETARY ANDRUS FOR THE INVITATION. KULPINSKI RECALLED FONDLY HIS 1972 VISIT TO WEST VIRGINIA, PENNSYLVANIA, AND UTAH, WHEN HE WAS DIRECTOR OF BYTOM, THE COAL-INDUSTRY ASSOCIATION.
- 2. THE MINISTER SAID THAT SEPTEMBER MIGHT BE THE BEST TIME FOR THE VISIT, AS IT WOULD NOT CONFLICT WITH HIS EXTENSIVE TRAVEL OBLIGATIONS THIS SPRING AND WOULD BE AFTER THE SUMMER VACATION SINCE HE HAD PREVIOUSLY EXPRESSED INTEREST IN MEETING WITH OIL-COMPANY OFFICIALS IN HOUSTON, WE MENTIONED TO KULPINSKI THAT THE OFFSHORE TECHNOLOGY CONFERENCE WOULD BE HELD THERE ON MAY 2-6. THE MINISTER SAID HIS SCHEDULE MIGHT ALLOW LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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HIM TO BE IN HOUSTON AT THAT TIME, BUT HE LEFT THE IMPRESSION THAT THIS WAS ONLY A SLIGHT POSSIBILITY. HE SAID HE PLANNED TO VISIT MEXICO THIS SPRING, BUT HE WAS NOT SURE ABOUT THE DATE. HE SAID THERE WAS NOR URGENCY IN HIS ATTENDING THE HOUSTON CONFERENCE, SINCE OFFICIALS OF PETROBALTIC, THE JOINT SOVIET-POLISH-EAST GERMAN FIRM FOR EXPLORATION

AND DEVELOPMENT OF BALTIC OIL RESOURCES, WOULD BE THERE. MOREOVER, HE SAID, EXPLORATION FRESULTS FOR THE BALTIC WOULD PROBABLY NOT BE AVAILABLE BY THAT TIME. HE REPEATED THAT SEPTEMBER LOOKED LIKE THE BEST AVAILABLE MONTH AND SAID THAT HIS STAFF WOULD BE IN TOUCH WITH US IN THE NEXT MONTH TO WORK OUT DEFINITE PLANS.

- 3. COMMENT: A SPRING TRIP TO THE U.S. BY KULPINSKI SEEMS VERY UNLIKELY. HOWEVER, IF WASHINGTON BELIEVES IT WOULD BE ADVANTAGEOUS FOR THE VISIT TO TAKE PLACE IN THE SUMMER MONTHS, THIS MIGHT ALSO BE ACCEPTABLE TO THE MINISTER.
- 4. WE NOTE THE PREVIOUS UNDERSTANDING OF THE POLISH EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON (REF B) THAT THE POLES WOULD PAY FOR ALL COSTS OF THE VISIT EXCEPT FOR US-HOSTED EVENTS. ALTHOUGH WE HAVE HEARD NOTHING TO THE CONTRARY, IT MIGHT BE HELPFUL TO RECONFIRM THIS UNDERSTANDING WHEN THE MINISTER'S PLANS BECOME CLEARER. END COMMENT.
- 5. WE ARE REQUESTING BY SEPARATE TELEGRAM INFORMATION ON U.S TECHNOLOGY FOR TRANSMISSION OF COAL VIA WIDE-DIAMETER PIPLINE. THE MINISTER EXPRESSED PARTICULAR INTEREST IN THIS SUBJECT. DAVIES

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